

The FCC chairman insults the American People when he claims he can find evidence of anti-competitive practices by the ISPs. Monopolies will always rent seek, be they ISPs, cable companies, or content suppliers. Some of today's most important players are up to all three of those things. In just one example, the Los Angeles Dodgers are about to be blocked from the majority of homes in their area for the fourth season because cable companies are in a standoff over rent seeking carriage fees for the broadcasts. Disputes over these charges erupt in individual TV markets all the time, with the parties pointing fingers at each other, and the cable subscribing public left in the lurch. It makes this commenter wonder how many disputes are being "fixed" in the back room by the payment of the greenmail, and the passing of fees to the subscribers for channels they may or may not ever watch. Wake up, Mr Chairman. Monopolies need to be regulated or they will squeeze as much as they can from their powerless customers.